

Situation Name: 2022 01 28 – Public Safety – Planned Truck Demonstration – Ottawa

EOC Operations Group SitRep: 2022 02 06 / 10:00 hours

Roll Call	
Department / Service	Name
EOC Ops Group Commander	Beth Gooding
EOC Scribe	Natasha Kavanagh
Council Liaison	Todd Pyper, Melanie Campbell-Priddle, Charlotte Logan
Emergency Information Officer	Don Lonie
Information Assistant	Megan Sartori
EOC Liaison	NCRCC: Kelly Cochrane PEOC: Maia Foster
Health and Human Needs Branch	Melissa Lavery, Chrissy May
Facilities	RCFS: Amanda Farias, Brandon Rooke OPL: Sharon Campbell
Human Needs	Yves Pilon, Mary-Anne Raposo
Medical	Jeremy Doherty
Public Health	Victoria Cowell
Hospitals	Hung Tan, Katie Lambert
Public Safety Branch	Keelan Arnold, Silvia Scapilatti
Corporate Security	Clayton Fosters
Enforcement	Tania McCumber, Myrka Khorrami
Fire Suppression and Rescue	Ron Amos
Peace and Order	Sam Roberts
Road Access	Stuart Edison
Transportation	Ben Sawicki
Water Services	Bruce Kenny
Planning Section	Dan Bissonnette, Paola Parenti
Service Area Duty Officers	
Office of the City Clerk	Tyler Cox
Finance Services	Brenda Gorton
(ICS) Fleet	Jim Woods, Andrew Silver
(ICS) Human Resources	Laura Greenwood
(ICS) Information Technology	Christine Moran
(ICS) Legal	Nazgol Namazi
Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development	Jeff McEwen

ICS = Innovative Client Services Department

NCRCC = National Capital Region Command Centre

OPL = Ottawa Public Library

PEOC = Provincial Emergency Operations Centre

RCFS = Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services

Agenda

1. Welcome / Roll Call
2. Situational Update
3. Section Updates
4. Roundtable
5. Next Steps / Adjourn

1. Welcome / Roll Call (B. Gooding / P. Parenti)

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 hours.
- P. Parenti conducted roll call.
- B. Gooding: Expecting operations today to be similar from yesterday.

2. Situational Update (S. Roberts)

- No changes to inner perimeter, holding the same footprint. Number of people on Parliament is currently small.
- Gatineau Police has advised the parking lot adjacent to Chaudière Bridge is full.
- Majority of trucks that arrived yesterday have departed.
- Flagging the 'Queen of Canada' has stated on social media that she will be going on Parliament Hill today to, "to pay her respects." No confirmed information about what this means.
 - B. Gooding: Any concerns with this individual being on the Hill today, given their rhetoric and presence on social media?
 - K. Cochrane: Parliamentary Protective Services (PSS) confirmed that they received multiple different contacts from this individual throughout last night. Her requests to come to the Hill have been denied. She is a person of interest and will continue to monitor.
 - S. Roberts: No intelligence but will be watching this individual.
- A vehicle was towed last night. Confirmed that it was a car, not a truck.
- Bridges:
 - Macdonald-Cartier Bridge two lanes open
 - Alexandria Bridge is closed
 - Portage Bridge is closed southbound, only open to essentials workers with ID. Advise staff to anticipate delays. Northbound is open but the area around is very congested.
 - Chaudière Bridge is open
 - Champlain Bridge is open
- Bridge status is being communicated to hospitals.
- With a reduction in crowds and vehicles leaving overnight, police are reassessing the feasibility of trying to shrink the perimeter and reduce the size of the impacted area. Trying to increase Officers around the impacted perimeter and maintain a strong police presence.
- B. Gooding: Asked if Police have any estimates about how many people to expect today – will there be 10,000 similar to yesterday?
 - S. Roberts: No confirmation. Some vehicles left overnight. Nicer weather could be a factor. Groups have brought in items to promote this as a party/family event.
 - K. Cochrane: Do not anticipate crowds to be as large as yesterday, but hard to gauge how many convoys to expect today.
- Continuing to mitigate issues at Confederation Park.
 - Structure was moved to under Laurier Bridge last night but has returned to the roadway along the east side of the park. Intent is unclear at this time.
 - Linked metal fencing has been installed around the park.
 - There are a number of hazards involved (propane tanks, generators, gas cannisters, firewood, etc.). Ottawa Fire Service (OFS) has been alerted and will be doing an assessment.
- H. Tan: Asked about planning assumptions for the health care sector for next week, and any strategies for demobilization that can be shared. Also flagged concerns about potential impacts to health, related to the hazards in the red zone.
 - S. Roberts: Maintaining the same posture as last week and continue to manage and mitigate any potential hot spots. Heavy police presence will be maintained. Police Liaison Teams (PLT) will continue with engagement.

- B. Gooding: Demobilization is a priority, but not at that stage yet. Continue to identify risks within your sector and priority issues to flag for demobilization planning and for police intelligence.
- S. Roberts: Will keep the EOC informed of police demobilization planning.
- M. Lavery: Not always privy to all of demobilization information due to security permissions. Each organization should have protective measures programs in place. For awareness, information for some of the vulnerable residents has been shared with police and paramedics in the event this is a prolonged situation.
- S. Roberts: Police are taking a very careful approach to moving people out of the downtown core. Public safety is priority in planning process.
- H. Tan: Flagged there are growing concerns for the short and medium term impacts on care delivery model, specifically for the home and community care patients.

3. Section Updates

Public Safety Branch (K. Arnold)

- No inclement winter weather in the forecast. Roads staff salted the red zone this morning and have exited the area.
- Supporting roads and parking services with the NCRCC and adjusting the jersey barriers. Everything has been secured.
- Status quo for LRT today.
- Based on current situation, K. Arnold asked B. Gooding about confirming the posture for City Hall with Corporate Security.
 - B. Gooding: Recommendation is that City Hall should remain closed.
- B. Gooding: Supporting LRT as required is a high priority. Main access line in and out of the core.
 - K. Arnold: Will maintain contact and continue to support transit partners.
- T. Cox: Requested clarity on posture closure of City Hall, who is permitted in the building?
 - C. Foster: The building and parking garage will be closed to the public and remains open to staff with ID card required to access both.
 - Y. Pilon: Saw stable participation last week at the City Hall childcare centre. Asked about risks with running the program on Monday, will need to communicate to parents/guardians.
 - C. Foster: No immediate concerns, there is strong police presence around City Hall and there are security guards on-site.
 - Y. Pilon: Will assess today whether to open the childcare centre with his team and report back.
 - **ACTION:** Y. Pilon will assess and report back to the EOC about decision to open the St Luke's Child Care Centre. C. Foster requested to be kept informed to notify security staff at City Hall.

Health and Human Needs Branch (M. Lavery)

- Facilities: A. Farias provided an update, that the number of vehicles at the Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton (RCGT) Park site doubled this morning. Number of vehicles does expand and contract throughout the day. Approximately 200 vehicles.
 - Requesting a fire hazard assessment. There are several types of combustibles being observed on site. The hotel and leaser holders are concerned with site safety. Potential challenges with their insurance policies and coverage.
 - K. Cochrane: Fire Services has been to the site on a few occasions. Will follow up on discussion from last night and provide an update. Hotel reached out to the NCRCC to advise their insurance company will not be covering them due to the criminal activity going on. Will be evaluating how they can support them.

- Libraries: Assessing the posture for impacted branches tomorrow to communicate any service disruptions.
- Human Needs: Further discussions will occur today about opening the childcare centre at City Hall this week.
 - Human Needs Task Force reported they had a resident seeking clarification about any compensation from the city. Confirmed there is no compensation from the city at this time.
- Paramedic Service: Responded to four calls since 03:00 hours today. Three calls have required transport to hospital. One call experienced delay in arrival time.
 - The Paramedic Treatment Rehabilitation Unit (TRU) and all-terrain vehicle are being redeployed to Elgin St and Albert St at 10:30 hours today. Staffed with two teams or four Paramedics and one Supervisor. The second all-terrain vehicles will not be deployed, staged at Paramedic Headquarters.
- Ottawa Public Health: Frostbite advisory is no longer in effect. The Lowertown Neighbourhood Vaccine Hub and the University of Ottawa vaccine clinic site will be closed until Tuesday and will need to assess whether to extend closure.
- Hospitals: Reporting the Montfort Hospital emergency department is short six hospital beds due to staffing shortages. Other hospitals are stable, but protests are adding general strain to the system. Redirecting resources away from patient care. Staging areas and access to deliveries remains stable.
 - Home and Community Care continues to experience issues with respect to patient and staff impacts, delays to patient care, issues around safety concerns, and starting to see health care workers booking off. Expanding outreach to patients outside the perimeter zone. Access to care continues to be concerning.
 - Some impacts to staffing at Retirement Homes, but much of the care is being provided by home care.
 - Survey of impacts to long-term care is being conducted today.

4. Roundtable

- M. Foster: Expecting more demonstrators to join in Ottawa today but cannot confirm numbers.
- T. Pyper: Received an inquiry from Councillor Leiper about a makeshift command centre that is being set up at Tunney's Pasture that Councillor Liaison is looking into. He will be escalating to the federal government.
 - B. Gooding: There is a federal science lab at Tunney's Pasture and are concerned about the lab safety if there are encampments.
 - T. Pyper: Will be sending a message from S. Box to Councillors to remind them to direct inquiries through the Councillor Liaison.
 - B. Gooding: Reminder that if Councillors reach out to staff, the Councillors should be re-directed to the Council Liaison.
- M. Sartori: No updates. Continue to receive complaints related to noise, parking and traffic inquiries.
 - B. Gooding: Asked if calls are still coming in about noise overnight?
 - M. Sartori: Yes.
- D. Lonie: Public service announcement is being prepared to send out today, communicating service disruptions expected on Monday. Directing residents to ottawa.ca for information about traffic impacts. Continue to monitor media and social media. Most media inquired have been for Ottawa Police. Media has inquired about By-law and Regulatory Service ticketing.
 - B. Gooding: Flagged a request from General Manager (GM) of Emergency and Protective Services (EPS), K. Ayotte, for a current version of the communication products he distributes to Councillors to provide them with an update. K. Ayotte is receiving outreach from members of Council.
 - D. Lonie: Confirmed Public Information and Media Relations can support.

- **ACTION:** B. Gooding and D. Lonie to connect off-line and discuss request for communication for K. Ayotte.
- B. Gooding: Forward planning required to maintain the EOC posture for the upcoming week. Will also need to track weather forecast for snow, impacts for Public Works.

5. Next Steps

- P. Parenti: Situational awareness that 251 Donald St (22-storey high rise residential building) is being evacuated due to carbon monoxide. Residents will be temporarily being sheltered in OC Transpo buses. Monitoring for need to potentially open a reception centre.
- Staff names required for EOC functions for Monday, February 7, to Wednesday, February 9.
- Reviewed current meeting schedule for the remainder of the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 hours.

Approved By: Beth Gooding

Position: EOC Operations Group Commander

Date and Time: 2022 02 06 / 16:38 hours